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PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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Countdown to Pow-Wow!

Everyone's counting down to Pow-Wow.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's 24th annual Pow-Wow and the first annual Potawatomi Day are only weeks away, set for June 27, 28 and 29.

The first day of the three-day weekend will be for tribal members only this year, the result of many years of comments and suggestions from tribal members.

"We'll begin with supper on the grounds at 5 p.m. Friday," said pow-wow coordinator Esther Lowden. The free dinner will replace the one held on Saturday in past years, and like all the Friday events, will be just for Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members and their families. Tribal staff will also be encouraged to attend and visit with tribal members. Others, particularly campers who will already be set up in the adjacent campground, are welcome to watch.

After supper, Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett will greet everyone, recognizing the various



Woody Crumbo's "Eagle Dancer" is featured on one of this year's pow-wow T-shirts. The full-color artwork, adapted from the Crumbo print, is the latest in a series of the Potawatomi artist's work to be featured on pow-wow T-shirts. A second T-shirt design will also be available this year, and is pictured on page 12.

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Barrett wins re-election without an opponent

Amazingly, Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will have few choices on their annual ballots June 28.

When filing for tribal offices closed April 2, only the incumbent, John "Rocky" Barrett, had filed for chairman. That means, for the first time in nine tries for tribal office, his name will be on the ballot alone and he will be automatically re-elected.

"This is the first time I've been unopposed," said Barrett, who was first elected tribal chairman in 1985. He had previously served on the Business Committee and as tribal administrator.

"I'm grateful for opportunity," Barrett said. "This is a vote of confidence in the leadership of tribe. I will do my best to continue to deserve the support of my fellow tribal members."

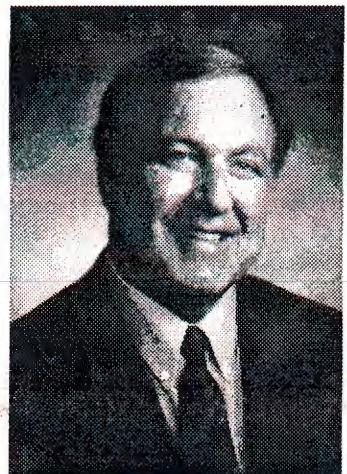
Two positions on the Grievance Committee will also be filled automatically. Jo Ann Johnson and Paul Schmidkrofer both filed for re-election and also found themselves without opponents. The third member of the Grievance Committee, attorney Marian Flanagan, did not file for re-election. Barrett said the Business Committee will have to appoint someone to serve in that position until the next election.

Tribal voters will also be asked to approve a budget for spending the interest money earned on set-aside funds. "It will basically be the same as last year," Barrett said. "We anticipate the tribe will be using the accumulated land acquisition funds from previous years to acquire another 40 acres adjacent to our property."

Barrett said the voters will also be asked "for confirmation of Robert Coffey Jr. as Supreme Court judge." He's a Tulsa area attorney nominated by the Business Committee."

The chairman urged voters to participate in this year's election despite the fact that there are no contested races. "Unfortunately, the number of people voting in last two elections declined," he said. "It is important that we keep a demonstration of our constitutional privilege intact."

Absentee ballot applications must be received by June 9. In-person voting will be from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at tribal headquarters.



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TRIBAL TRACTS

Art deadline near

May 5 is the fast-approaching deadline for entries in the annual Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Arts Competition.

All enrolled Potawatomi artists are eligible to enter this competition. Entries may include original works of art in all media, including painting, sculpture, prints, pottery, photography, beadwork and fabric art. Submissions must be on 35mm slides in standard mounts (no glass mounts), with one slide for each two dimensional piece and two or three slides for each three dimensional piece (one detail shot).

Slides should be labeled with the artist's name, title of work, date completed, media and dimensions (HxWxD). Slides must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return. Entries must have been completed with the past two years, and all entries must be the work of the artist, without assistance. Acceptance and awards are at the discretion of the juror.

Each entry should be accompanied by a \$5 entry fee, and each artist is limited to three entries. Winners will receive \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place.

Artists will be notified by mail about June 1 if their work has been accepted. Sales will be encouraged and a 25 percent commission charged by the tribe.

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Tribal member promoted to Brigadier General

Air Force Colonel Thomas L. Baptiste has been nominated by President Bill Clinton for promotion to Brigadier General.

The son of the late Louis D. Baptiste and Ethel Mae (Bowhan) Baptiste of Willows, California, receives his Indian blood from his Potawatomi father and his Osage mother, and is the nephew of a very proud uncle, Rocky L. Baptiste, the Oregon/Idaho Potawatomi Regional Director.

Colonel Baptiste entered the Air Force in 1973 after graduating from California State University at Chico, California. He has held a wide variety of leadership positions and has commanded a fighter squadron and an operations group. He is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in fighter aircraft including over 50 hours of combat time over Iraq. His military awards and decorations include the Defense Military Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and Combat Readiness Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

After leaving his last assignment as Chief, Weapons Technology Control Division, Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy, J5, the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, he is at present Deputy Commander, Canadian-North American Aerospace Defense Command Region (CANR) NORAD Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He is responsible for ensuring the Region Battle Staff, the subordinate Sector Air Operations Control Center (SAOC), Air Defense Alert fighter units, radar sensors, intelligence, and command and control assets, perform as a team to provide 24 hour, 7 days a week, peacetime air sovereignty and tactical warning of



attack in Canada and the ability to generate, receive and employ additional U.S. and Canadian NORAD forces for both exercises and times of tension or war.

He is married to former Judith A. Cordoza, also of Willows, California.

They have two daughters, Amy and Marci.

According to the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, the promotion must next be confirmed by the Senate.

Correction

In the March issue of the HowNiKan, in the "Walking On" section, Clarisse Bourbonnais Tassier was listed as the grandmother of Cletius T. Edwards. The correct name is Catherine Bourbonnais Tassier.

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Mitchell Navarre, Seattle, WA - \$25
Rev. Roy E. Paslay, Jr. Topeka, KS - \$25
Marvin Helcel, Marion, AR - \$25

TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 28, 1997. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 9, 1997. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set aside funds, as well as the election of the Tribal Chairman for a four-year term and Grievance Committee Members #1, #2, and #3 for two-year terms, will be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.



IN YOUR OPINION...

Genealogy fills need

Dear Editor,

Since the day of Creation, genealogy has been kept for man's benefit, used in the past, present, and future. God has kept his record in the Holy Bible. It is possible to trace our history and ancestry back through time to the day of creation, if one had the time and finances. I know of a couple who did.

Its use and benefits have saved lives and were beneficial in useful knowledge of one's characters, physical and mental health problems. Doctors always question patients on the family's history in diagnosing one, such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease and even obesity, and kidney problems as well. And court cases are often solved by past family history. I am proud of my genealogy it goes back a long way, and I am still working on it.

It's so interesting. I find many relatives I never knew I had. This is the definition of genealogy from Webster's Dictionary: "Genealogy: Recorded history of one's ancestry, anthropology, characteristics of man kind. The study of a family descent,

descent from and ancestor lineage."

Also, I made a mistake on my sister's picture with the goat. She was born April 29, 1916. My father was working in the mines. It was during World War I.

Gladys Small
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Thanks for hearing aid

I just want to pass along a great big "thank you" for helping me to obtain my new hearing aid device; what an improvement! It allows me to hear the person speaking without raising their voice and my reception is so much better. Chairman Barrett and all the others involved in setting up this fund need all the praise one can give. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Gladys M. Berry
Kansas City, Missouri

Another thank you

Dear Health Aids Foundation,

I want to thank you and to tell you how much I appreciate your check in helping to pay for my partial.

Sincerely,

Colleen Spires
Sun City, Arizona

Hearing aid helps

To the members of the committee,

Thank you so much for the help you gave me so I could receive my hearing aid. Sure makes a difference, sure is appreciated.

Thanks again,

Charles W. Dean
Silver Lake, Kansas

Hers is working fine

Dear Mr. Barrett,

Thank you for the financial help you gave me for help in paying for my new hearing aid. I received the check on October 7, 1996, the aid came on October 22, 1996. It is working fine.

Sincerely,

Angeline T. Kekahbah
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Enjoyed Navarre photos

Dear How Ni Kan,

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the Navarre family album page in the last paper. The picture of Julia Navarre is the first picture I have ever seen of my grandmother. The pictures of my dad Fay at such a young age are precious. Thank you so much.

Mitchell F. Navarre
Seattle, Washington

Loves the HowNiKan

Potawatomi Nation,

Dear Cousins:

Here is a small contribution for my receiving the How Ni Kan. You do a wonderful job in the printing of this newspaper.

Thank you,

Rev. Roy E. Paslay, Jr.
Topeka, Kansas

Burial check welcome

Thank you so much for the burial fund check. It was greatly appreciated, and the burial expenses are now paid in full. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

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Pokagon Band celebrates its culture

(Editor's Note: This article and the accompanying photos were provided by Eugenia Chandonia, president of the General Studies Alumni Association at Indiana University South Bend. They concern "A Potawatomi Cultural Celebration there March 15 where the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Tribe leaders and members celebrated their heritage.)

By EUGENIA CHANDONIA

The spirits of the ancestors came to life on a recent Saturday in the little theater of Indiana University South Bend. At the invitation at the General Studies Alumni Association, the Pokagon Band Potawatomi, residents of Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan, came together for a celebration of their heritage, complete with songs, dances and dramatic readings.

More than 350 people in the audience were enthralled with the colorful costumes and their ears were filled with

the echoes of tribal drums by the White Thunders Singers, with John Warren the lead singer and drummer.

Clarence White, Pokagon Band elder, opened the educational program with a traditional blessing in Potawatomi, which he then translated and explained. Among the pow wow songs, the "Sneak Up" dance made an impression on some of the children attending. The traditional and intertribal songs and dances, highlighted by the colorful apparel, added to the presentation. Mr. Robert Moody Jr., Pokagon Band tribal chairman, said this was the first time his people had presented such a program indoors; usually it is an outdoor activity.

The audience was respectful and stood when asked to, and were silent when the religious significance of some of the customs and traditions were explained.

The event itself was a departure from the usual method of teaching, in that all the participants were Native Americans,

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with one exception, so they had a vested interest in presenting their history. That fact, in itself, was the motivating factor of the Education Committee of the General Studies Alumni Association — to present a program of interest to the entire family and to have it be historically accurate.

The president of the IUSB Alumni Association (the author) and her education chairman were honored with a special dance, and invited on stage to participate, which they did with some trepidation.

It was rewarding to note that many Pokagon Band tribal members attended the event in support of their heritage and friends assisting with the program.

The second half of the program moved to a more somber mood with staged readings from an early Notre Dame missionary's journal, of an actual time and place known as the Trail of Death. "Letters from the Trail of Death" is an original play, co-written by Kerry Cotter, resident dramatist at the Northern Indiana Center for History, and Tom Topash, a member of the Pokagon Band. It is based on the letters written by Father Benjamin Petit prior to and during the Trail of Death, the forced removal of the Potawatomi from Northern Indiana. Cotter said the goal of the play project, beginning with the staged readings, he costumed as a missionary priest and Tom Topash in Native American garb, is to enhance the understanding between the Potawatomi and other population segments.

Father Petit, who died as a young

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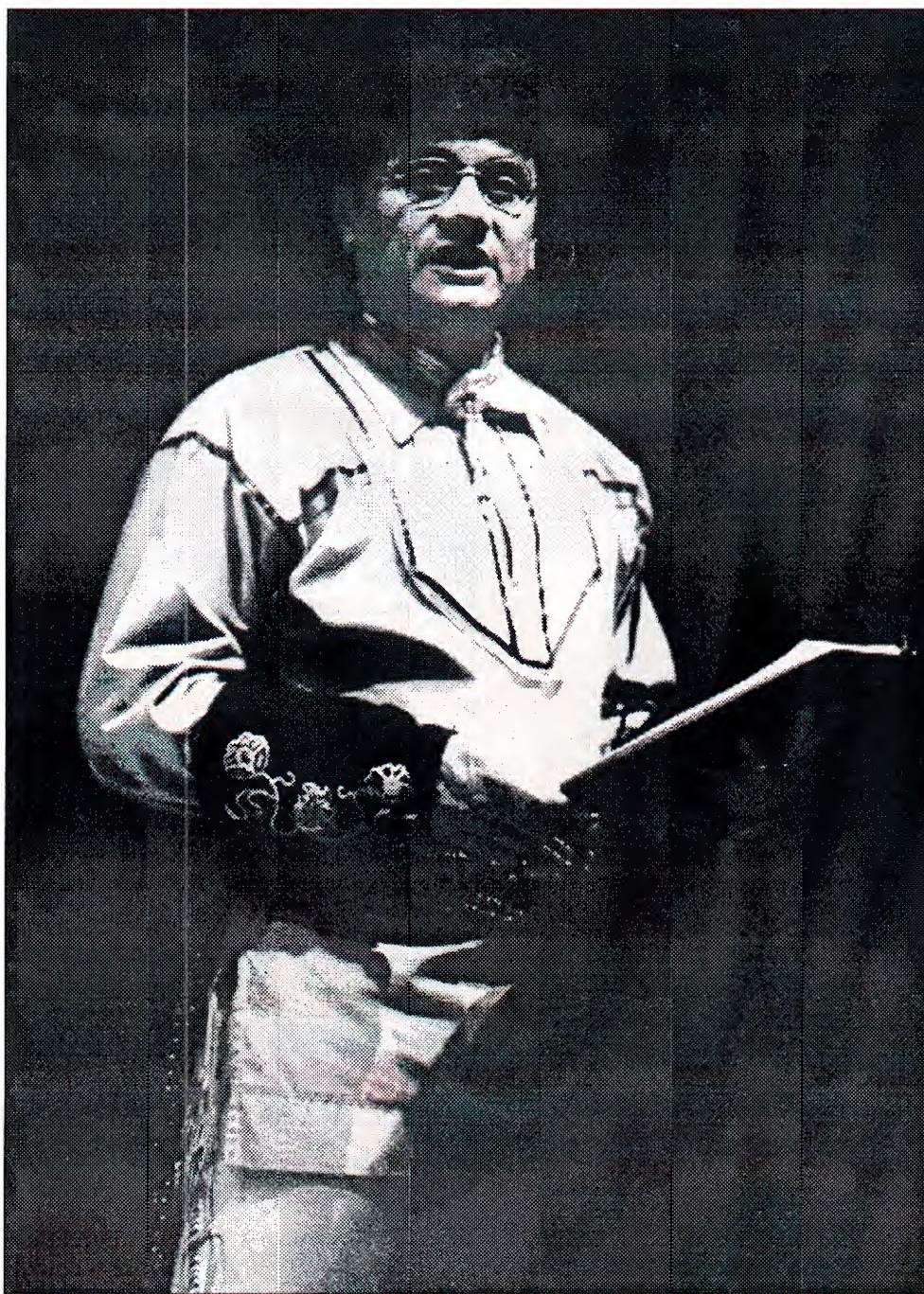


Chief Menominee's statue stands about 30 miles southwest of South Bend in an area known as Twin Lakes in Marshall County. Made of Vermont Marble and dedicated in 1907, it stands 17 feet tall. (Eugenia Chandonia photo)



Pokagon Band elder Clarence White of South Bend helps celebrate Potawatomi culture on stage at Indiana State University March 15. (Elkhart Truth photo, reprinted with permission)

Mysterious light failure adds drama



Tom Topash of Berrien Springs, Michigan, former administrator of the Pokagon Band, recreates Chief Menominee's pain of 1838 as the Potawatomi are removed from their Twin Lakes, Indiana villages. (Elkhart Truth photo, reprinted with permission)

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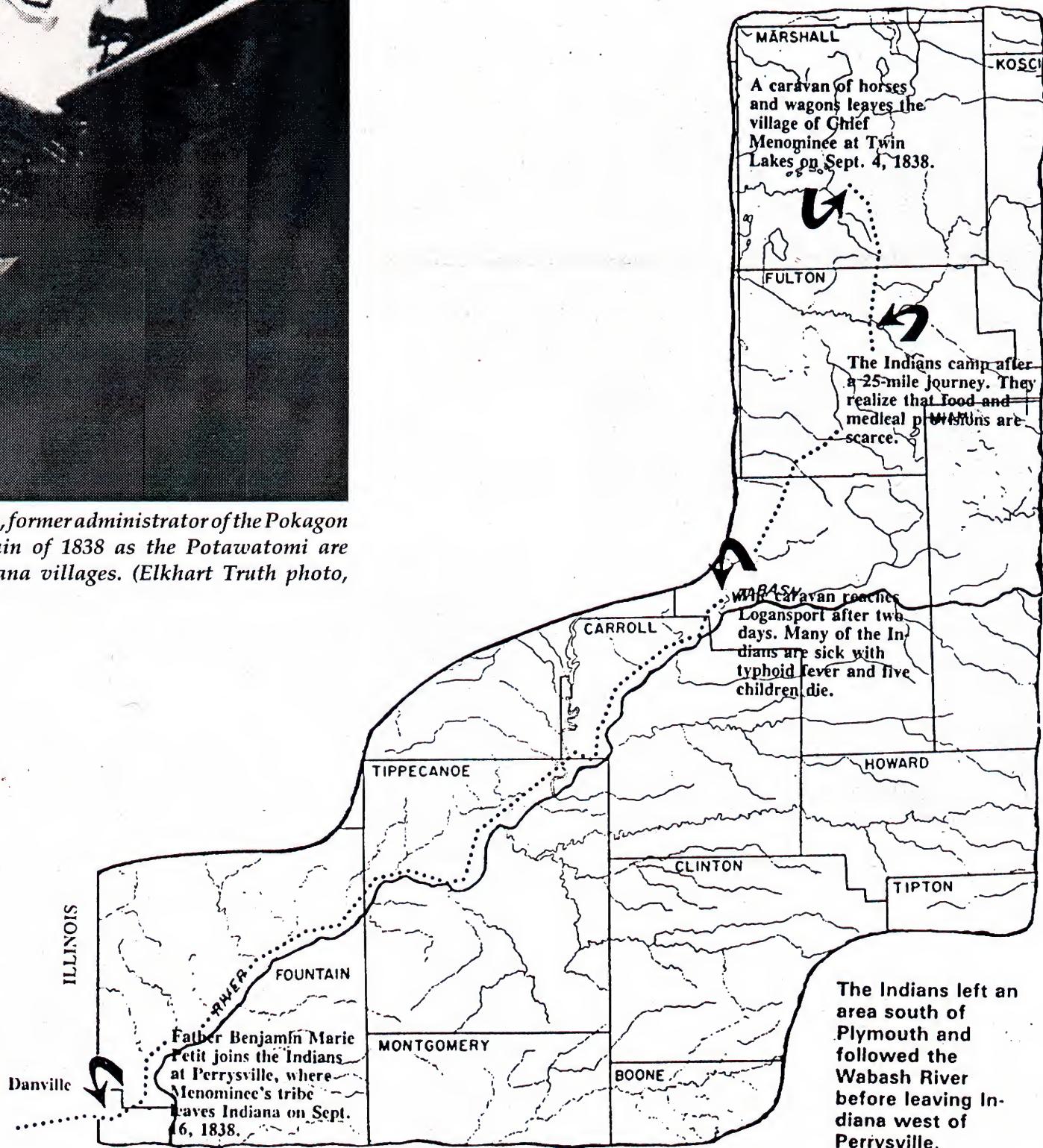
man while comforting his beloved flock on their westward way, is buried in a crypt in the Church of the Sacred Heart. Football fans and airplane passengers might not think of a young missionary priest when their journey takes them over the golden dome of Notre Dame, but Sacred Heart Church is a jewel on the campus and the young French priest who practically gave his life for his flock, left a journal to attest to the trials and tribulations of his mission church, named for him, chi chi pi ou ti-pe, which he was told meant "Little Duck."

In an emotionally charged moment during the program when the period of Father Petit's death is approaching, the lights became bright, and then dimmed,

and there was no one in the control room or back stage working with the lighting! In fact, the education chairman went on stage to bring the lighting back into focus. It was thought-provoking on stage as well as off.

Regarding the play, Tom Topash is quoted as saying; "I believe with the final product, people are going to have a greater sensitivity to people who were driven from their homeland ... and some of that comes from Father Petit's words."

"Letters from the trail of Death," staged readings, is made possible with funds appropriated by the Indiana General Assembly and the U.S. Congress through the National Endowment for the Arts.





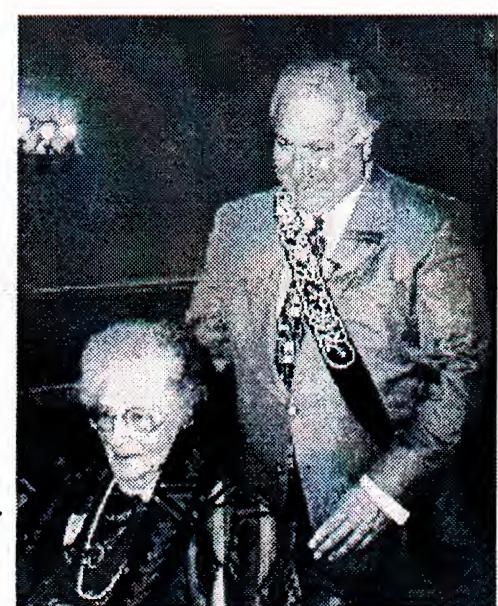
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Chairman John Barrett took advantage of an opportunity to have his picture made with these lovely twin sisters, Lois M. Caldwell and Lories Snider of Pearland, Texas. They are originally from Ponca City, Oklahoma.



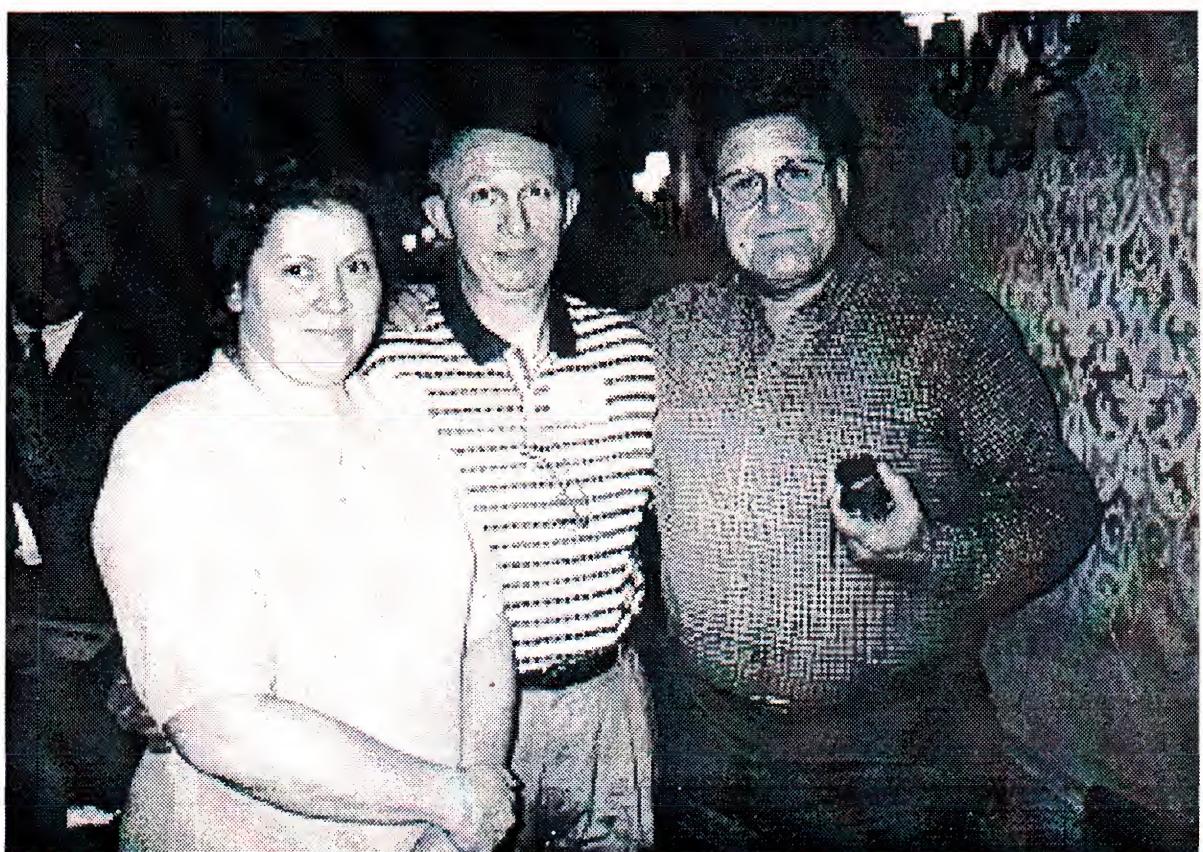
Regional Coordinator Lu Ellis greets tribal members as Chairman Barrett awaits his turn to speak



Right: The wisest enrolled tribal member present was Regina Adele "Stovall" Turley of Houston. A member of the Toupan family, she is 89 years smart.



Deputy Tribal Administrator Bob Trousdale poses with Alvin Gregson.



Right: Tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker, Far Right, visits with Buddy Osborne and wife Karla of Deer Park, Texas. Both Norman and Buddy attended high school in Shawnee, Oklahoma.



Crowne Plaza, Houston



Left: Jane Braugh is pictured with Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno and Committeeman Hilton Melot. Jane is an assistant for the District Attorney's office in Austin, Texas, and will be member #1 in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Bar Association.



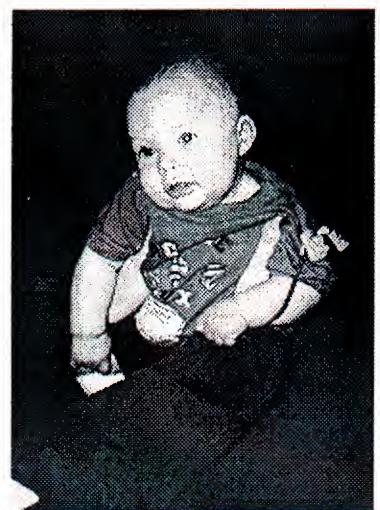
Above Esther Lowden spoke to tribal members about plans for the annual powwow and Potawatomi Day set for late June.



*Photos by
Vice Chairman
Linda Capps*

Left: Desire and Dakotah, children of Gary Risinger of Brazoria, Texas, rest for "just a minute."

Right: Kai Webb, son of Kristi Osborne, was the youngest enrolled tribal member present.



Carole and George Passmore of Sugarland, Texas



Sue and Ray Herndon with Kristie Hall

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REGIONAL REPORTS**WASHINGTON****Ahaw, Nikan!****And Greetings From Seattle!**

It's hard to realize that, after discussing it and planning it over the past few months, Regional has come and gone! I'd like to publicly thank those who were such a help to me; I couldn't have done it without them: Karleen Greetham (husband Bill and sons Terry and Tyler) who came up with the idea for a children's program over a year ago, researched possible crafts, learned how to do loomwork so she could demonstrate, and assembled instruction cards and kits so that this year we had something for our younger ones; all who volunteered their help with the children's crafts (forgive me if I didn't get everyone's name!); Betty Dansenborg, who donated many bags of pony beads which were used for the choker project;

Eric Campbell, who constructed all our looms and who made sure I got where I needed to be — and so did everything else; Rhian Campbell, who glued and nailed the looms and without whose help the flyers would never be mailed on time; Norma Whitley, who handled our registration table and the raffle tickets; Penny Bishop, who made the shawl for the women's raffle; Jennifer Porter, who compiled the children's language sheets and gave permission for their use; Ester Lowden for providing the gift shop; the Business Committee for making the trip to Seattle; and to all Tribal members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. And thank you to Joanie and all those at R&B Catering for the excellent

barbecue!

Now it's time to start planning for the Western Washington Potawatomi picnic, scheduled for July 19 at Manchester State Park. We've reserved the Torpedo Room, a covered area with barbecue grills and minimal electrical access, for the day. Several of us are also planning to camp Thursday, Friday and Saturday; to reserve a camp site call 1-800-452-5687. You should receive picnic information before June 15; if not, give me a call (I will be out of town June 7-15 and 21-July 1). Yvonne Kolloen and her family have been working on the picnic since the week after last year's so I know it will be a lot of fun! Leo and Ida Nadeau have offered to prepare traditional Potawatomi foods for us, even though it involves flying in from Kansas to do so. Please come and make them welcome.

Shayshoshewa Westin called to let me know that due to her busy summer schedule she will be unable to host a Boise picnic. Therefore, there is no picnic scheduled in Idaho at this time. If you are interested in hosting, please give me or Rocky Baptiste a call (as some of you know, we "share" Idaho); we'd be happy to work with you. I'd like to thank Shayshoshewa and her family for hosting picnics these past two years!

The Fulton County Historical Society in Indiana is trying to locate descendants of Chief Menominee, whose village was located near Twin Lakes, IN and who was removed to Kansas in 1838 on the infamous Trail of Death. We know that he had at least one daughter

but have found no other descendants. If you are a descendant, please contact them at: 1-219-223-4436.

It's not too early to sign up for the Basketry School's basketmaker's weekend at Lake Crescent August 15-17. Classes fill up quickly so give them a call at 1-800-87 WEAVE for more information and registration forms.

Red Eagle Soaring is looking for youth interested in live theater, either on-or off-stage. Anyone high school and college age who is interested please give me a call; I'm on the Board of Directors and would be happy to put your name forward for inclusion in our group. Red Eagle Soaring works in conjunction with North Seattle Community College to present plays and workshops with a drug/alcohol-abuse prevention theme throughout western Washington. We have also scheduled an anti-Columbus Day talent show in October; if you have a talent to share and would like to be considered as a possible performer, please call me.

In closing I ask you to remember Frank Love, the director of the Native American Urban Outreach Program in Seattle, and his family. Frank's wife and soulmate Mary died in March following a lengthy battle with breast cancer. She always wore a smile whenever we met and will be missed by the Indian community here.

May serenity circle on silent wings and catch the whisper of the wind.

— Cheewa James, Modoc

Susan Campbell

SOUTH TEXAS**Bosho from Southeast Texas!**

It has stopped raining, at least for now, and the sun is shining. What a beautiful day. Every growing thing is green in these woods, the wildflowers are blooming, even a few of the lilies we have planted around the house are in bloom. The peaches are about as big as marbles and there are lots of them. The willow is putting on leaves, the pecan tree as well, and even the black walnut trees are leafing out. I guess it is really spring.

We are already making plans for the Pow Wow in June, and looking forward to seeing you there. It will be a grand time, especially the Friday night Potawatomi festivities. So much work is

being done to make that night perfect for us. Be sure to be in Shawnee early enough to make that occasion. And ladies, bring your shawl. If you don't have one, Esther will have some in the Gift Shop for sale. Also, she has beautiful fringe if you want to order it and make your own shawl.

I am also looking forward to seeing the art work of all the Potawatomi artists entered in the competition. I know there are many of you out there doing beautiful work. It is good the tribe is willing to showcase your work, helping you build your reputations as Potawatomi artists, and giving you a place to sell as well.

Please remember to send in your request for ballot, so you can vote in the election in June. It is a privilege we need to exercise, and an opportunity to keep a strong tribal government to carry forward what we want for our children's children.

We were saddened to learn that Johnny Bibb, brother of Gary Bibb, uncle to Jennifer Porter, walked on in early April. He was loved by many; we send our heartfelt condolences to his family, and remember them and him when we put our tobacco down.

Take care of each other.

Ba Ma Me Na,

Lu Ellis

REGIONAL REPORTS

OREGON/IDAHO

Bourzho Nicon,

Ne-Ji-Na? It was good to see all of you at the Regional Oregon/Idaho meeting in Eugene this year. It seems there is never enough time to get around to each of you. Next year please encourage your Potawatomi relations to attend, and if any of you want to get together for a picnic this summer, call me at the office and we'll put something together.

Maxine and I spent some time in California and Arizona during the month of March. We visited relatives and Potawatomi all along the route and it was a great pleasure to be able to attend the Northern California meeting and visit with Jennifer Porter, who put on a very interesting and well planned meeting. We had to



Rep. Jackie Taylor, Rocky Baptiste

leave right after the meeting to make other connections but we certainly enjoyed ourselves.

Along the route we traveled, we had the privilege of spending one morning with my

brother Louis's son. He has just been promoted to Brigadier General, which makes me very proud. I told him, "I never have been too fond of officers, and thought I would never hug a General" BUT I DID THIS ONE.

Now that our Regional Meeting is over, I am again looking forward to the Shawnee Pow-Wow, the last of June. I will be there and I do dance during the Gourd Dance. I hope some of you will join me if you can make it back this year. It will be a special Friday, with a meal and dance just for the Potawatomi there. Now I don't get too fancy with my dancing but sure am looking forward to the time together with all my Potawatomi friends and relatives. It is amazing to think that almost all of the Oklahoma Potawatomi came from just 40

families that moved down from Kansas. So I know I have a lot of lost cousins out there somewhere. Maybe I will find some more there this year.

Don't forget we have a State Representative in the State Capitol in Salem. If you are in Salem some time, stop by and say "hi" to Jackie Taylor. We appreciate so the work she is doing for our state.

Until next month, pa ma me ma (good bye),

Megwetch,

Rocky Baptiste

"All of our people all over the country — except the pure-blooded Indians — are immigrants or descendants of immigrants, including even those who came over on the Mayflower."

— President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1944

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bozho, Niconi,

The meeting went well and everyone had a good time. We had the 1995 pow wow video (created by John Ellis) rolling and folks really enjoyed seeing it. The No Name Drum lead by Al Chalepah once more filled our hearts, and the dancers were wonderful as well. It was good to have some many of you join in the round dance. The children were very excited about getting into the activity room, and when they did, our helpers led by Barbara Potter taught them to make capes and vests, spirit shields, and a Pokean game. Barbara also taught the Potawatomi language lesson. (Parents, please use those lists! Use a few of the words daily, and they will become natural.) To top it all off, the food was great, too, thanks to Read Phillips and her staff at Beets Catering. I send thanks once again to all those who helped in making this happen:

Now it's time to get ready for all the pow wows happening in our nation. I've talked with a few of you who will be making the trek to Shawnee in June. It will be good to have California represented, especially on the Friday that is for Potawatomi families. Mr. Blevins' article in the opinion column last month said it all. Let's celebrate our heritage together and with others at these gatherings called pow wows. Megwetch, Mr. Blevins, for a well-written, straight-from-the-heart effort.

The election is coming up as you know. Please, if you haven't already, request your absentee ballot and vote this year. It is such an important responsibility, and your vote does count in a big way. We need to be heard from out here!

Several people came up to me to ask about a picnic this year, so the planning starts now. I'll have a date and place in my next report. If you can volunteer to help, please let me know. I would like to be free to really get to know all of you, answer questions, etc. So if I'm not running around taking care of the

details, there's more of a chance that will happen.

Here are some of the upcoming May, June, and July events:

May

2-4, 17th DeAnza College Pow Wow, (408) 864-5548 or 8355

9-11, 26th Annual Stanford Pow Wow, (415) 725-6944

17, UC Santa Cruz Pow Wow, (408) 459-2296

24-26, Red Road Celebration & Pow Wow, Casa De-Fruta-Pacheco Pass, Melissa (408) 459-7929 or Tina (408) 426-8211

31-1, 10th Annual Silver Star Pow Wow, (415) 554-0525

June

7, AIM Sovereign Nation Pow Wow, Riverview Middle School, Pittsburg, Carol Standing Elk (510) 609-8517.

July

4-6, 18th Three Rivers Pow Wow, (209) 858-2421

I'm sure there are more and I'll add to this list as I get the information.

Be well!

Jennifer J. Porter

NORTH TEXAS

Those of us who live in this neck of the woods know what 100% humidity is now. It's rain and then there's more rain. But if we had not lived through the rain, we would not be able to sing the sun would come out tomorrow. And it did. Daylight saving time came and our new VCR changed automatically. So there's one more thing it can do. Guess it has a mind of its own and that does not include recording.

The plans for Pow Wow in June are very interesting. Those of us who grew up away from the area where our parents and grandparents lived have not had the opportunity to observe and learn pow wow etiquette. Friday night will give us a chance to learn and I, for one, am interested in learning more about dancing and the proper etiquette of pow wow.

If you have not sent in for your absentee ballot, be sure and do that. And exercise your privilege to vote. We have not always had this privilege in the regions and we need to take advantage of it. Our vote will count. We had such a small percentage vote last year and we need to show we care. And the candidate of your choice will certainly appreciate it.

I always enjoy speaking with you and

helping if I can. Your requests for enrollment forms and your search for aid to further your or your children's education is special because this is a foundation to build your life on. And I'm sorry when there is no way for the tribe to help with some of your other needs. Do continue to call with your requests.

Make your arrangements to attend the pow wow. There is a list of hotels in the HowNiKan. Be sure and plan to be there on Friday night for our special night. I hope to see you there. It really is a special time.

Marj Hobdy

REGIONAL REPORTS

COLORADO

BOSHO!

Sunday, April 6, 1997

Solemn Evening Vespers

Incense and the rhythmic beat of a single Indian drum vibrated against the highest rafters in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver. The honor song, sung by head singer Frank Sherwood (Arikara/Hidatsa) and the Denver Indian Singers, was beautiful, and well received by everyone who heard the heartbeat of Indian music. It was a sharp contrast to the traditional Catholic hymns that followed. This was the beginning of Solemn Evening Vespers, the two day celebration of installation of Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap., an enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi and Navarre descendant.

In early March, John and I received an invitation from Bishop Chaput to attend the two day celebration of his installation as Archbishop of Denver. In mid-March, I received a call from the Archdiocese of Denver, and was invited to deliver a welcome speech to our new Archbishop Chaput on behalf of Catholic Indian community that resides within the boundaries of the Archdiocese, which includes the state of Colorado and two thirds of Wyoming. Our parish priest Father John Q. O'Connell, C.M., at

Kateri Catholic Indians Parish, was excited and encouraging. He suggested that I wear Indian attire and speak in English and my native language.

I had no idea who my co-speakers were until we were introduced that Sunday in the Cathedral Rectory. They were:

Rev. Monsignor Raymond N. Jones, Archdiocesan Administrator; Most Rev. Joseph Hart, Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyo. Senior Suffragan Bishop; Sister Sharon Ford, Secretary of Religious for the Archdiocese of Denver; Father Michael J. Sheeran, President of Regis University of Denver; Penny Bishop, Kateri Catholic Indians of Denver, Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Sandra Moore, African-American Liaison, Archdiocese of Denver; Sister Irene Munoz, C.H.M. Hispanic Office, Archdiocese of Denver; Father Bartholomew Do Tai Hoa, C.M.C. Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Church, Denver; Rev. Dr. Louise Barger, President, Colorado Council of Churches; Rabbi David Zucker, Jewish Rabbinical Council Representative of Denver; Mohammed A. Jodeh, President, Colorado Muslim Society; The Honorable Mayor Wellington Webb, Mayor of Denver; and The Honorable Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado.

The list of dignitaries took my breath

away. I was the first lay person to speak. I began in our beautiful Potawatomi language, gave credit and proper acknowledgements, and ended in Potawatomi. The response was overwhelming. Archbishop Chaput praised the Indian community, and remarked, "This may be the first day a Native American drum has been used in our Cathedral, but it will not be the last day."

At the reception following Vespers, it was exciting to greet both new and old friends. I received many comments regarding my Indian language and attire. My favorite was a "gramma lady." She had tears rolling down her cheeks. She took my hand and complimented my speech and told me how proud she was of me. She said, "My name is Emma, I'm 70 years old, I am a Ute Indian. I have been Catholic all of my life. Today, I'm proud to be a Catholic Indian."

Monday, April 7, 1997 Mass of Installation

About 800 people were present, including Roger Cardinal Mahony of Los Angeles, more than 50 Bishops and Archbishops, several hundred priests, Nuns, Deacons, family and friends, as Bishop Charles Chaput accepted the

office of Archbishop of Denver from The Most Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Vatican representative to Pope John Paul II.

Archbishop Chaput told of his affection of the people of South Dakota, and remarked that they shall always occupy a place in his heart, but that he will also be faithful to his new family within the Archdiocese of Denver. At his acceptance of his new position of Archbishop of Denver, the bells of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception pealed, and the choir broke into "Glory to God in the Highest." The crowd rose in a standing ovation.

There were four people from the Kateri Catholic Indian Parish present at the new Archbishop's ceremony, besides John and myself: Gwen Minhas, Oglala-Lakota, and Sandra Yellowfish Gallegos, Comanche.

On this wonderful occasion, I am reminded of something my mother used to tell me, "Don't forsake your roots, combine your gifts from God, then carry on." And once again I am reminded of just how proud I am to be Potawatomi.

Until next time,

Penny Bishop

"Ja-ge na-go-nan" ("We are all Related")

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bouzho from Pasadena!

It's pow-wow time — time to warm up for our Pow-Wow in June! The following is a listing for the Southern California area. I've also included some others that are a bit farther drive, but only if they're worth it, like the Stanford Pow-Wow up north in May. There may be a few I've missed, and if you know of any pow-wows within driving distance and don't see them listed here, please let me know.

Of course, I expect to see all of you who travel the Pow-Wow Trail in Shawnee the last weekend in June!

May 3: 17th Annual De Anza College Pow-Wow, Cupertino CA, (408) 864-5448

May 3-4: Hesperia Mother Earth Gathering Pow-Wow, Hesperia Lake Park, (619) 244-5488

May 3-4: UCLA Pow-Wow, (310) 825-7315

May 9-11: 26th Annual Stanford Pow-Wow, Stanford CA (415) 723-4078

May 17: UC Santa Cruz Pow-Wow, Santa Cruz CA (408) 459-2296

May 17-18: 7th Annual Lake Casitas Pow-Wow, Ventura Fairgrounds,

(805) 496-6036

May 24: Medicine Ways Pow-Wow, UC Riverside (909) 787-4143

June 6-8: Santa Monica Indian Show and Pow-Wow, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, (310) 430-5112

June 21-22: 3rd Annual Los Angeles Intertribal Pow-Wow, Hansen Dam Sports Complex, (805) 496-6036

Also, I want to alert you to an event that is not exactly a "pow-wow," but should be interesting anyway, especially for the collector of quality arts and crafts, and, of course, the food. My understanding is that there is a lot for the kids to do, too.

June 14-15: Museum of Man's 14th Annual Indian Fair, San Diego, (619) 284-4714

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with reverence for those who came before, whose countless moccasins marked the path so clearly for us; with love for our brothers and sisters who walk this path at our side; and with hope for those who will follow, even to the seventh generation.

Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

MIDWEST

Bourzho Nikan,

Here it is spring already. What a beautiful time of the year. Mother Earth produces a rebirth and an array of such exquisite beauty! Spring is my favorite time of the year, even though we never know what blows we will be dealt by mother nature and living in the path of "tornado alley"!

Our regional council meeting is quickly approaching. It will be on Saturday, May 17th, to be held at the First Pilgram Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 2120 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I would like to have our potluck dessert table again. So

please bring your favorite dessert of your choice to share with everyone. Also remember family history. Please remember to make your reservation ahead of time and kindly cancel if you can't make it.

I would like to thank tribal member James Blevins for his wonderful article that was published in the February issue of the HowNiKan. It was about taking pride in our heritage of being Potawatomi people. I really enjoyed your article. You truly represent the spirit of our people.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!
Megwetch,

Maryann Welch

SOUTHWEST

Bourzho from Phoenix,

I don't have much to say this month, as I have been laid up due to an auto accident. However, I am doing fine and I am now on my way to a speedy recovery.

Please keep my telephone ringing. I can still talk and send out applications

or whatever you may need.

I promise that next month's article will be much better.

Until then remember this: The only idea that will work for you are the ones you put to work.

Megwetch,

Philonise Williams

TRIBAL TRACTS



Potawatomi Times Three!

Greetings from Vermont!

I thought you would enjoy a photo of my children, who were recently enrolled as members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. They are, left to right, Neil Thomas, Susannah Joy, and Nolan James. They were born on October 11, 1996 (triplets!).

We trace back our Potawatomi ancestry on the female side of our family. My mother, Roberta Coleman Howard, is the daughter of Charlotte Coulter Coleman, who was born in Wanette, Oklahoma. Charlotte was the eldest of four children, and daughter of Robert and Henrietta Frigon Coulter. Henrietta was one of three sisters who received a land grant in Wanette, the other two being Lucina Frigon Rolette and May Williamette Frigon Whistler. The three sisters were daughters of Hilaire and Philonise Frigon, Hilaire being half Potawatomi. I would be interested in any assistance available to research our line back beyond Hilaire Frigon. What family history we have seems to stop there. I would also be interested to know if there are any other Potawatomi triplets.

My family and I enjoy reading your paper each month. We would especially like to attend a powwow, but Oklahoma is a long way from Vermont. Perhaps when the younger ones are a bit older and able to travel, we'll make the journey, and enjoy it in person!

Sincerely,

Martha J. Howard
North Thetford, Vermont

Summer Youth Program

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation

**Employment & Training Program is now accepting applications
for the Summer Youth Program.**

The program begins June 9 and ends July 25. We will accept applications from Indian youths ages 14-21. They must reside in the four-county service area, Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln and Payne.

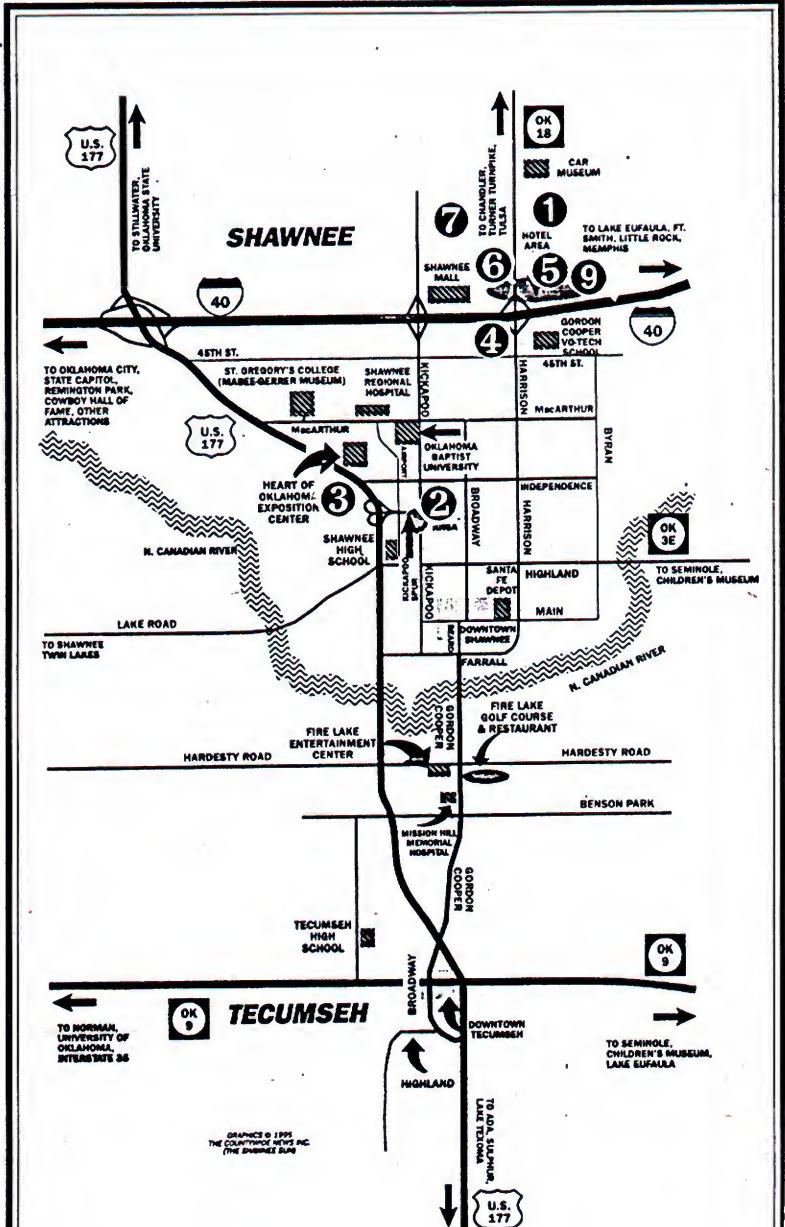
Our program will administer a Classroom Training consisting of the following classes: Education • Life Skills • Computer Skills • Educational Tutoring • Sports Activities

For our participants ages 19-21, we will have a Work Experience Program.

For participants ages 14-18, we will issue a Classroom Stipend.

Please call for more information and remember we're accepting applications NOW!

(405) 275-5269 or 1-800-880-9880



MOTELS IN THE SHAWNEE AREA

American Inn, 5501 N. Harrison (405) 273-2000
Best Western Cinderella, 623 Kickapoo Spur (405) 273-7010, 1-800-480-5111
Budget Host Inn, Hwy. 177 and Acme Rd. (405) 275-8430
Colonial Inn, 4800 N. Harrison (405) 878-0120
Days Inn, 5107 N. Harrison (405) 275-6720
Holiday Inn, Hwy. I-40 and Hwy. 18 (405) 274-4404
Motel 6, 4981 N. Harrison (405) 275-5310
Rodeway Inn, 12510 Valley View Rd. (5 miles east on I-40-Exit 192) (405) 275-1005
Super 8 Motel, 4900 N. Harrison (405) 275-0089, 1-800-800-8000
Hampton Inn, I-40 & Kickapoo, (405) 275-1540

NOTICE

The Citizen Potawatomi nation is seeking an individual to serve as Justice for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Supreme Court. To be eligible, applicants must be either: (1) an enrolled member of the Tribe; (2) the parent, child, or spouse of an enrolled member of the Tribe; (3) actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe; (4) an attorney; (5) a lay advocate who has regularly practiced before the court as a member of the Bar of the Court for a period of seven years; or (6) an Indian graduate of an American Bar Association approved Law School, or a paralegal program approved by the Supreme Court. All Justices of the Supreme Court participate in deliberations of that body and shall have the duty and power to conduct all Court proceedings, and issue orders and papers incident thereto, in order to administer justice in all matters within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Salary: \$300 per session. Three-year term.

Court jurisdiction bill discussed at Shawnee legislative breakfast

By Wayne Trotter

A bill telling state courts to butt out of tribal business has been sent to conference committee in the Oklahoma Legislature but may face its biggest hurdle if and when it reaches the desk of Republican Gov. Frank Keating.

That's what John Barrett, chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe, was told during a legislative breakfast April 18 in Shawnee.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Brad Henry (D-Shawnee) and Rep. Bob Weaver (D-Shawnee), affirms the state's acceptance of the commerce clause of the United States Constitution and states that Oklahoma courts have no jurisdiction in tribal cases. It is now in a conference committee which will seek to reconcile differences between the House and Senate versions.

The legislation grew out of a dispute in which a construction company successfully sued the tribe in state court over the First National Bank & Trust project. The tribe has appealed that decision to federal court.

During the question-and-answer period of the Greater Shawnee Area Chamber of Commerce legislative breakfast in Shawnee, Barrett asked Weaver and Henry for an update on the progress of the bill. Noting that he was speaking for 23,311 Potawatomis, Barrett said the State of Oklahoma "has chosen to take jurisdiction in the past two years" and expressed some apprehension over the fact that the bill passed the House by a

narrow 51-48 vote.

"Rep. Weaver said he didn't recognize the depth of anti-Indian sentiment and racism," Barrett said in framing his question. "I'm not surprised at the racism." He expressed hopes that the bill would eventually become law.

Weaver said that while there were "some people who had reasons other than racism" among the 48 representatives who voted against the bill, he was surprised about how blatant some others were. "Either the members didn't understand it or they were racist or biased in some capacity," he said.

"The governor will be the biggest hurdle," Weaver

predicted.

Sen. Henry said he was responsible for sending the bill to conference but added that he really had no choice. He said the House had added a number of amendments including one to strip the title. Legislation cannot receive final approval with the title stripped.

Henry added that the conferees had not been chosen at the time the breakfast was held. He suggested that Barrett and others in favor of the legislation should use whatever influence they have with the speaker of the House and president pro tempore of the Senate to make sure conference appointees were favorably inclined toward the bill.

OTB opening successful

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's newest enterprise, off-track betting, began operations Friday, April 25.

"We had an excellent turnout with little or no advertising," said Chairman John Barrett. "It was well received."

However, Barrett said, patrons expressed disappointment at Remington Park and the DeBartolo interests' failure to sign an agreement with tribe. Barrett expressed dismay that Oklahoma horse racing interests "would choose to contact a Texas tribe to solicit their participation and boycott the Potawatomi OTB." He said they also contacted other tribes around the country with limited success.

"A number of horse racing officials in Oklahoma are under the mistaken impression that the Interstate Horse Racing Act applies to the compact between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the State of Oklahoma for off-track betting," the chairman said. "This is not the case. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act supersedes the Interstate Horse Racing Act in regulating gaming issues on Indian reservations.

"The Potawatomi tribe is in compliance with the proximity requirements of Oklahoma off-track betting laws and enumerated provisions of the tribal-state compact," Barrett said. "Attempts by Oklahoma horse race tracks or their associates to interfere with the lawful operations of a tribal-state compact are an open invitation to litigation for damages."



Tribal receptionist Pam Smith displays another New T-shirt design for this year's Pow-Wow. Both this shirt and the Crumbo design shown on the front page are now available at the museum gift shop.

Kids' activities again on tap all day Saturday at Pow-Wow

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Potawatomi families represented as well as the eldest, youngest, and others. That will be followed by dance demonstration and lessons for those who have never danced. The goal is for everyone to participate. Lowden reminded those who are not accustomed to entering the ring that men don't need dance costumes, and neither do women, except for shawls. Two drums will be on hand to play for dancers, White Thunder, a Potawatomi drum, and Kenneth Cozad's Drum.

This year's Potawatomi Princess, 14-year-old Kristy Phillips of Maud, will also be on hand.

Saturday's program will include plenty of children's activities, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing to 4 p.m. Shirl Hubert said kids will once again be able to participate in arts and crafts, Potawatomi language lessons, face painting and more. The children's activities will take place "under the big blue tent" at the pow-wow grounds, she said. There is no charge, and the activities are open to all ages. Call here 878-4848 for more information.

Intertribal dance competition, limited to two days for the first time in many years, will be held Saturday and Sunday.

under the direction of Lowden and coordinators Joe Cozad and Carla Whiteman. Head Staff for this year's Pow-Wow includes Dean Whitebreast of Tama, Iowa, master of ceremonies; Stratford Williams of Anadarko, Oklahoma, master of ceremonies; Georgia Tiger of Stroud, Oklahoma, head lady dancer; Zack Morris of Shawnee, Oklahoma, head man dancer; and Lawrence Wahpepah of McLoud, Oklahoma, head gourd dancer.

There will be no drum contest this year, but White Thunder, the Northern drum coming from Indiana for Red Earth as well as the Potawatomi Pow-Wow, will be joined by Black Lodge. The second Southern drum, in addition to Kenneth Cozad's, will be Southern Thunder of Oklahoma.

Among other changes in the Pow-Wow this year are the elimination of fourth place and the increased-prize money for ladies' contests. The Business Committee asked for the changes after suggestions from tribal members and staff.

Gourd dancing will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and grand entry will be at 7 p.m. each night.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION REQUEST FOR BALLOT • 1997 ELECTION

In order to comply with the 1997 Election Ordinance, please fill out this form and return to:
Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Potawatomi Tribal Roll Number: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION BY JUNE 9, 1997